QUAKERS WHISPER No. 9
Thursday 28th March 2013

IMPORTANT REMINDER:
All parents who have children listed as being anaphylactic or asthmatic were sent forms to be completed and returned to school. **We are still waiting for some of these to be returned to the school office.**

If you are one of the families who have yet to return their paperwork it would be appreciated if this could be done **urgently** so that we can best help your child if they become unwell.

Thank you

Principal’s Message .....  

Dear Parents/Caregivers

STAFFING UPDATE
We have been instructed to form a Merit Selection Panel to fill the vacant Assistant Principal role now that Mr Scott Staveley has been promoted to Deputy Principal at Metella Road Public School. The panel will comprise a convener, Mr Colin Ross, a staff rep, a parent rep and an executive teacher rep from another school.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY AT QHEPS
I was delighted with the tremendous attendance and the very positive comments made on Grandparents’ Day. The students thoroughly enjoyed having their visitors in the classrooms and escorting them around the Art Show.

“Pursuing excellence in student achievement and community participation”
K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE
Wow, what a fantastic parade of hats which our students made in class with the assistance of the students in their buddy classes. Thank you to Mrs Aimee Bandiera who organised the parade and the support given her by all members of staff.

ART SHOW
Every year I am absolutely amazed at the tremendous standard and creativity of the student artwork displayed at our Art Show. Our teachers are to be congratulated for the wonderful teaching taking place in the classrooms not only in Creative Arts but in all the Key Learning Areas.

We raised $391.35 from the entry donations. This money will provide additional art/craft resources for our students. Thank you Mrs Helen Patching for organising the Art Show and also thank you for your support.

PRIZE DRAW RESULTS
Thank you for your very generous donations of Easter Eggs and your support of our Easter Raffle. Additional student resources will be purchased for use by students K-6 with the $3516.90 raised. Winner of the major prize was Terri Rochester and the sellers’ prize went to Madeline R. Winners of the top 10 prizes are listed on page 4. A further 140 smaller prizes were also drawn and distributed to the winners.

Thank you Mrs Fiona Bennetts, Mrs Lynne Smith and Mrs Angie Cooper for organising this event.

THANK YOU
A huge thank you to everyone who supported our participation in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program last year. We recently received most of our resources from this program and your children are the beneficiaries.

BE RESPECTFUL
Be respectful is one of our school rules which our students strive to be. As adults we should be role models for our students therefore I expect parents, who are most welcome to attend our school assemblies, to be respectful of our students. Last Friday a couple of preschoolers were continually disrupting the assembly and unsettling the student body. The preschoolers at most of our assemblies are well managed and a pleasure to have in the audience.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents should have received their appointment times for parent/teacher interviews which will be conducted next week. Please be prompt to attend the interview. Should you find that you can't attend at the allotted time PLEASE contact the school office as a matter of urgency. An alternative appointment time will be arranged.

CONGRATULATIONS
Olivia W has been selected as a member of the Ridges Zone Girls’ Soccer team. Riley W, Jack G and Clayton C have been selected as members of the Ridges Zone Boys’ Softball team while Enrike W, Isabelle H and Samantha S have been selected for the Ridges Zone Girls’ Softball team.

Have a happy and safe Easter.

Marketa Bird
Principal

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LUCKY DRAW
next Friday
$100 voucher

to be spent at the school uniform shop for families who have paid their Voluntary School Contributions by 5 April 2013
**Week 8 Term 1 Award Winners**

KA  William, Yasmin  
KB  Jorja, Ali  
KC  Edward, Anish  
KP  Jack, Siobhan  
KY  Rohan, Sarah  
1AR  Joanna, Abrik  
1C  George, Suhaani  
1O  Ella, Josiah  
1S  Ky, Madison  
1/2H Joshua, Chelsea  
2E  Daniel, Maddi  
2R  Gurasees, Nicholas  
2S  Mysha, Max  
3B  Priya, Dominic  
3C  Rhea, Harrison  
3TW  Yvette, Daniel  
4B  Luval, Jasmine  
4L  Safwan, Brendan  
4T  Hayley, Harrison  
5B  Caitlin, Pratham  
5F  Faith, Neveen  
5LW  Garima, Ethan  
6G  Shawn, Isabelle  
6S  Can, Samantha  
6T  Sean, Madeline

**SUMMER PSSA REPORT**

**Week 8**

**AFL**
The AFL teams played Parklea Public School. The juniors won 46-0 and the seniors won 59-7. The players of the match were **Prabh S** for the juniors and **Hayden M** for the seniors.

**T-BALL- Juniors/SOFTBALL - Seniors**
The T-Ball and Softball teams played Rouse Hill Public School. The T-Ball team lost 21-17. The player of the match was **Teghan M**. The Softball team won 13-3. The player of the match was **Isabelle H**.

**OZ-TAG**
The Oz-Tag teams played Rouse Hill Public School (B). The juniors won 24-16 and the seniors won 20-4. The players of the match were **Oliver D** for the juniors and **Faith G** for the seniors.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

**Tuesdays** – 2:30pm – 3:15pm (approx)  
**Fridays** – 8:30am – 9:15am (approx)

**LIBRARY NEWS*******

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to

Jessica  1C  
Sonali  3B  
Devanshi  4L  
Angelique  6G  
Preet  6S  
Niveshlin  6S

who have completed their Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2013.

Any student who would like to do the Premier’s Reading Challenge can pick up a
recording record from the library either after school or during their library lesson.

There is no particular list from which the books need to be chosen. Children choose books based on their interest. If any parent has any questions about this please come and see me or give me a call at school.

Happy Reading.

Mrs Robyn Jones  
Teacher Librarian

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EASTER RAFFLE

Thankyou to all the families that donated eggs and purchased tickets towards our Easter Raffle.

We raised $3516.90 for the purchase of resources to use with the children. The major prize winners were as follows:

1st Terri Rochester
2nd Sam Jolliffe
3rd Darren McLeod
4th Allison McFarlane
5th Aaron G
6th Valerie Lee
7th Libby Marshall
8th Prasad family
9th Mary Sinclair
10th Emma King

A further 140 consolation prizes were also distributed as a result of the tremendous support that we received.

Thanking you,

Fiona Bennetts, Lynne Smith and Angie Cooper

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P&C NEWS...........

Hi everyone,

FAREWELL DINNER FOR MRS BIRD

Mrs Bird’s Farewell Dinner is on next Friday evening at 6pm in the school hall.

Please bring a picnic dinner and join in the celebrations. This is an alcohol free event, and parents are reminded that there are children with anaphylaxis to nuts and eggs in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alice Bullivant  
On behalf of your P&C

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VACATION CARE

AT QUAKERS HILL EAST

Quakers Hill East Combined OSHC Inc (CCB Approved) will be operating vacation care at their centre in our school grounds over the school holiday period.

Hours of Operation  
7:30am – 5:30pm

The cost is $42 per child per day which includes activities on the day and afternoon tea.

For bookings or more information please call the centre on 9626 6172